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1. PARTY MOSSBACKS ARE ALREADY TRYING TO MESSAGE NEW

BREZHNEV LINE ON EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS (REFTEL)
BACK INTO PREVIOUS NEGATIVE AND DEFENSIVE MOLD.

2. FIRST EVIDENCE IS LENGTHY PRAVDA THEORETICAL ARTICLE
AUGUST 22 BY PROFESSOR F. RYZHENKO. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE
IDENTIFY RYZHENKO, BUT HIS IDEOLOGICAL ROOTS SEEM TO BE
DEEP IN THE HARDLINER'S CAMP. HE ALLUDES TO BREZHNEV
THEME BY ASSERTING THAT COMMUNISTS ARE NOT AFRAID OF
OPEN COMBAT WITH IDEOLOGICAL OPPONENTS, AND FAVOR
"HONEST COMPETITION" IN SPHERE OF IDEAS. BUT HE ASSERTS
MAIN OPPONENTS ARE ENGAGED IN "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE,"
AND THEN MAKES HIS KEY POINT: PROBLEMS OF IDEOLOGICAL
STRUGGLE CANNOT BE SUBJECT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS. WITHOUT DIRECTLY MENTIONING CSCE, HE GOES ON TO
RECITE PREVIOUS STANDARD SOVIET LINE ON NON-INTERFER-
ENCE, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, LAWS AND CUSTOMS IN FIELD
OF INFORMATION AND CONTACTS.

3. RYZHENKO'S THEROETICAL APPROACH STRESSES THAT
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE MEANS ASSURING SOCIALIST CAMP
CONDITIONS FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT; CONTROLLING IMPERIALIST
AGRESSION; PREVENTING "EXPORT OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION,"
ELIMINATING USE OF FORCE IN SETTLING CONFLICTS. WHOLE
THRUST OF HIS ARGUMENTS IS TO SHOW CONTINUED BASIC
CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO SYSTEMS.

4. COMMENT. SPEED AND RELATIVE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH
DIEHARDS HAVE SPRUNG TO DEFENSE OF OLD LINE ON
CONTACTS AND INFORMATION DEMONSTRATES DIFFICULTIES
FACED BY BREZHNEV IN ANY MOVE TOWARD MORE OPEN RELA-
TIONSHIP WITH OUTSIDE WORLD. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO
WATCH THE CONVOLUTIONS OF THE IDEOLOGISTS AND THE EFFECT
OF THEIR EXIGESES ON THE ULTIMATE SOVIET POSITION IN
CSCE-- AND , MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, ON THE ACTIONS OF
SOVIET AUTHORITIES WHO CONTROL CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.
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